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MEMORANDUM FOR: Deputy Director for Administration
Associate Deputy Director for Operation for
Counterintelligence
Director of the Security Evaluation Office
Director of Security
Director of Community Counterintelligence and
Security Countermeasures Office, ICS

FROM: Congressional Affairs

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SUBJECT: SSCI Task Force on Security and Counterintelligence

1. John Elliff, Senate Intelligence Committee staffer, informed me this week that the staff has formed a task force to examine progress and problems in the areas of counterintelligence, embassy security, personnel security and technical security. The task force is established in lieu of the previously planned Committee hearings on these subjects. Following the staff research, they intend to produce either a report or a series of internal memorandum for Committee Members which will contain their findings and recommendations for improvement.

2. The task force is composed of the following staffers:

--John Elliff, staffer responsible for CI and Security issues.

--Britt Snider, minority counsel.

--Jim Dykstra, minority staff director.

--Charlene King, budget officer, or Keith Hall, budget director.

--Ed Levine, designee to Senator Metzenbaum.

--Chris Straub, designee to Senator Hollings.

--Charles Battaglia, designee to Senator Specter.

--John House, newly assigned to staff.

3. They intend to receive briefings from all relevant Intelligence Community components--IC Staff, DOD, State, FBI. Their planning now calls for Agency briefings on the following subjects:

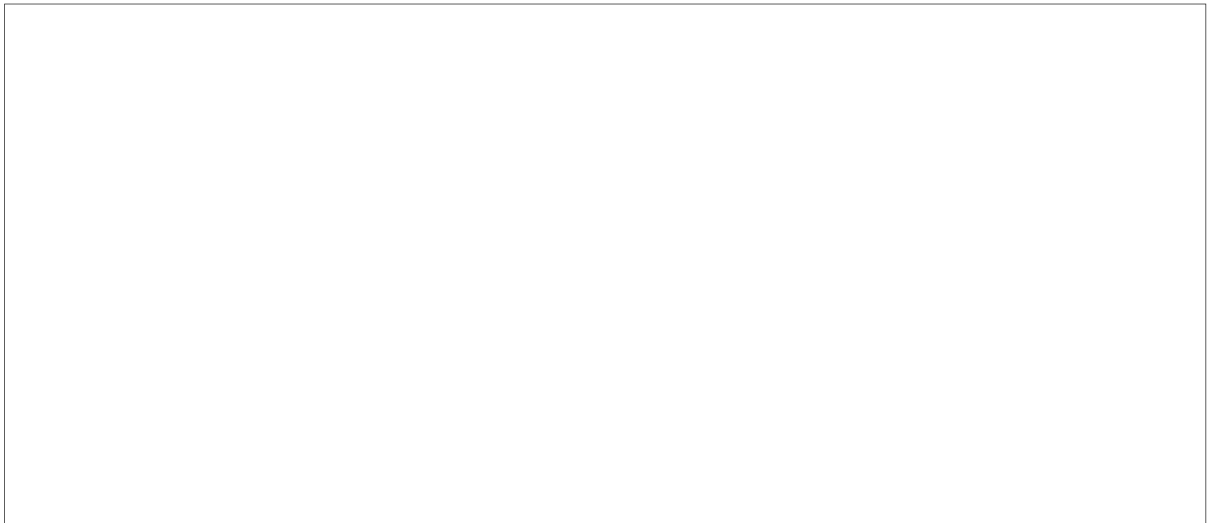
--Security Evaluation Office. According to Elliff,

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their primary purpose here is to receive an update on implementation of the Office and the problems encountered during the start-up. This briefing has been scheduled for 5 October. State Department has been asked to attend and participate in the briefing.

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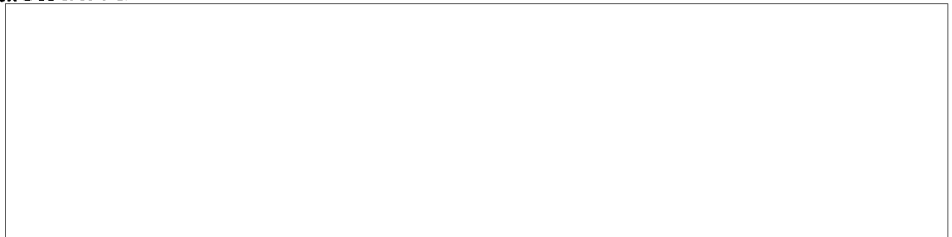


--Personnel Security. Elliff was vague on what they are looking for here but did mention the usual subjects that have been of recent interest to the oversight committees--the reinvestigation program, the polygraph, the industrial security program, access to financial records, and programs for monitoring retirees who have left under adverse circumstances.

-- Counterintelligence Center. The staff wants to be briefed on the status of the Center.

4. The staff intends to take several trips to U.S. embassies during November and December. Elliff, accompanied by someone from State, will visit Moscow in early December. Levine and probably Dykstra will visit Budapest, Prague and Sofia in November. There may be other staff trips, but Elliff says these have not been worked out yet.

5. Although I will press Elliff for more specifics, we can be reasonably certain that he and the other staffers are looking for how we have implemented the various recommendations contained in the 7 October SSCI Report: A Review of United States Counterintelligence Security Programs. I have already provided you a copy and I suggest you familiarize yourself with the various recommendations. If there are any questions, please call me on



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